## CHICOPEE MUNICIPAL GOLF



#### **GOLF COURSE COMMISSION**

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James W. Low Chairman

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# GOLF COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

April 28, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Low at 6:08 p.m.

#### **Attendance:**

Present were: Chairman Jim Low, Vice Chairman Tom Robak, Commissioner Mike Lempart, Commissioner Robert Ledoux, Superintendent Ray St. Peter and Director of Golf Tom DiRico,

Mayoral appointee to the Golf Commission Paul Tanguay was in attendance to observe the meeting process.

## **Public Input:**

None

Commissioner Ledoux made a motion to suspend the regular order of business, Commissioner Lempart 2<sup>nd</sup> it, all in favor, motion passes

Commissioner Ledoux made a motion to pay Butler Carpet Co. for work preformed in the Club House area (\$ 235.00). Commissioner Lempart 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, all in favor, motion passes

Commissioner Ledoux made a motion to pay Hobart Co (\$ 208.50) for work performed, 2nd by Commissioner Lempart, all in favor motion passes.

## **Minutes:**

Commissioner Ledoux made a motion to accept the minutes of April 14, 2010 as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lempart, all in favor, motion passed.

#### Communications:

Letter was received from Director of Golf DiRico seeking compensation for the City, for damages to a golf cart, because of careless driving by a golfer.

Memo was received from Human Resources Acting Director Scott Szczebak stating that all employees are required to attend a Mandatory Sexual Harassment Training.

#### Nes z Basingss

Supportendent St. Peter  $\epsilon$  quained that the drainage area will be marked grounds under repair, so golfers will get a free lift

Con missioner Robak said he was quesdoned by golfers why the yardage markers on sprinkler heads were disappearing. Superintendent St Peter reported that he was replacing several heads.

Robak noted that these markers were donated by the Commissions volunteered several hours to install them under the direction of the Superintendent. The commission received several complements from golfers that these yardage markers were very helpful. Superintendent St. Peter said he should still have these markers on the old heads.

Commissioner Robak made a motion to make sure all yardage markers on sprinkler heads are replaced. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ledoux, all in favor, motion passed.

The Commission was shown a sample frame made for the tee markers on each hole. These will be in place at all holes with stone placed in the framed-in area.

### Old Business:

1. Area between the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway and the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway pile of leaves and area needs to be picked up and cleaned up in wooded area.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that this was completed today.

2. 6<sup>th</sup> fairway right side near 4<sup>th</sup> cart path pile of pine needles and leaves need to be picked up and cleaned up.

Superintendent St. Peter reported this was done today.

3.  $4^{\text{th}}$  fairway by porta potty and cart path just before going down hill pile of brush needs to be picked up

Superintendent St. Peter reported that he will check this area.

4. 5<sup>th</sup> fairway tree down on fence, needs to be cleaned up.

Superintendent reported that he will schedule this work.

5. Tree in back of 5<sup>th</sup> green down on ground, needs to be removed.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that he will check this out.

6. Area along rear deck needs to be cleaned up from leaves and tall grass

This issue was addressed earlier at this meeting.

7. Several cart paths leaves, pine needles, and dirt, need to be cleaned.

The Superintendent reported that he will check into this.

8. Maintenance building: finish cleaning up the area.

The Superintendent reported that this clean up was completed this week.

9. Tee boxes

Tee box work will be scheduled soon

10. Divot mix 50/50

Commissioner Robak questioned the sand mix; he read that a 50/50 mix along with seed and some start up fertilizer is a better way to fill in divot holes. Ray said that both mixes were used and would check into this.

11. Number of new signs on course? How many did we buy?

Superintendent St. Peter reported that all signs are on the course and that he was going to order more.

#### 12. Sprinkler Heads yardage markers

This was addressed with a motion earlier in the meeting.

13. 1<sup>st</sup> tee area, mulched, cleaned up Blacktop area needs to be cleaned up.

Tee areas?

Commissioner Robak noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> tee area for the past two seasons was requested to be kept in a very clean condition. Robak asked that the area be kept weed free, re-mulched ASAP. The area now was very messy and even though some construction was done in the area, it needs to be kept clean at all times.

A discussion was held on the timing of the resurfacing of the area, either a temporary patch job or permanent fix. Director Dirico noted at last meeting we decided it would be better to wait till fall. Tom said he would check with Stan Kulig and see if this could be done sooner. Ray said he would have the area picked up.

#### <u>Superintendent Update:</u>

Commissioner Robak gave Superintendent St. Peter some information on biodegradable hydraulic oil that will not burn or kill grass.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that he was starting the 8<sup>th</sup> hole water cooler relocation, and the move should be completed by next week.

Ray reported that the gas pump is working ok now but it will have to be replaced.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that his crew has used the new sand trap cleaner and it works well. He is in the process of scheduling all bunkers to be done soon.

Commissioner Ledoux questioned the Superintendent if edging work on the bunkers has begun on the back nine holes; Ray reported that it is in progress.

Commissioner Ledoux asked while we have the DPW on site, can they dump fill in the bunkers on 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> hole to make things easier to fill them in. He will check to see if they can do this for us.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that he has begun to seed the filled-in areas along the cart paths.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that the has called Mr. Hubbard at the State Park about the Beaver problem. He will check it out.

Commissioner Robak asked the Superintendent to lay out what is needed for the fenced-in area at the side dock area for the Clubhouse. We have some of the material now; we need to get everything needed to complete this work.

Commissioner Ledoux noted that several aprons need to be reseeded. Superintendent St. Peter reported that this was on his schedule.

Ray reported that the  $9^{th}$  cart path was widened about a foot by the DPW and a drain was added to the  $9^{th}$  green area.

St. Peter reported that his crew is working on the irrigation system, and most of it was working. He has a few minor problems to work out.

Superintendent St. Peter reported that he was working on an RFP for a back flow preventer for the irrigation system.

Commissioner Ledoux asked the Superintendent if we can purchase a small gas leave blower to keep in the starter area. The starters would be able to use this as needed.

Ray would look into this

Commissioner Ledoux questioned the Superintendent about the leaves and tall grass in front of the deck area. Ray said he will get this cleaned up.

Commissioner Ledoux reported to the Commission on information he received on building an area for the bricks we are selling. He estimated it would cost about \$ 400.00 for brick wall and cap. Ledoux asked if this work could be done by Job Core Students. This will be looked into.

## **Director of Golf Update:**

Director of Golf Tom DiRico reported that all his people are in place for the pro shop and starter positions.

Commissioner Robak questioned the Director on league play; Tom reported that leagues are in progress with no problems.

Commissioner Ledoux questioned the Director if we would be getting the parking lot spaces re-lined. He would look into it.

Commissioner Robak asked the Director if all inventory has been entered into the Register. Also if there was a need for any more overtime to do this work.

The Director reported that for now, all inventory was entered, and he used Lisa this week to finish up. Robak asked if Pro shop employees will be trained to do this work. Tom would look into this.

Director of Golf DiRico reported that the Job Core representative, the Mayor's Office, Himself, the Superintendent and the Commission would meet on April 29, 2010 to line up some work for Job Core Students.

Commissioner Ledoux asked our Director if starters could remind the golfers to beware of the cart path construction on the course and to please keep off the newly seeded areas. He said he would.

Director DiRico showed the Commission the new MGA markers that will be installed at the tee areas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ledoux to go into Executive session and not return to regular session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Robak, all in favor, Roll call: Low-yes, Robak-yes, Ledoux-Yes, Lempart-yes. Motion passed.

Signing of bills: Completed

## Date, time, site of next meeting:

Chicopee Country Club May 12, 2010

6:00 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 

8:32 P.M.

Submitted by Tom Robak